

Medical Assistance Administration

Caseload Forecast Council
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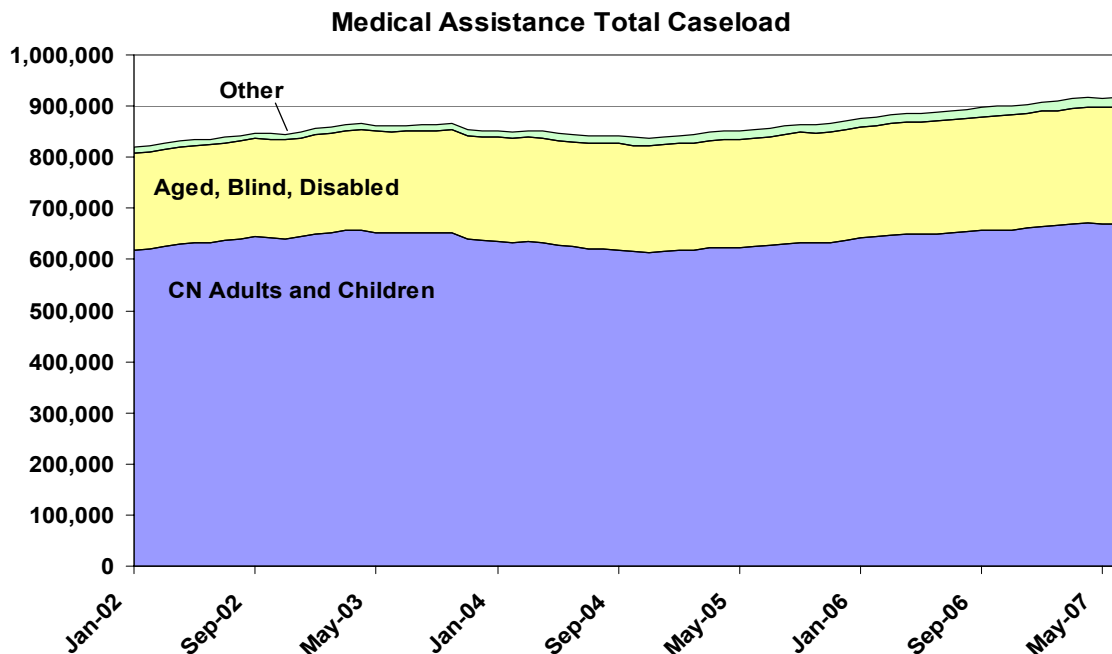
FAST FACTS

Most of the caseloads that the CFC forecasts fall under two types of federally matched Medicaid programs: Categorically Needy and Medically Needy.

- The **Categorically Needy (CN)** programs include TANF-related Family Medical, pregnant women, aged, blind, disabled, and children under 200 percent FPL. The people in these categories receive full-scope medical services, and many receive some form of cash assistance.
- The **Medically Needy (MN)** programs provide services to the aged, blind, and disabled clients whose income and resources are too higher for them to qualify for CN medical coverage. They must “spend down” their income and resources on medical expenses until they reach the medically needy income standard.

The CFC also forecasts some caseloads that are funded entirely by the state, such as General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U) and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment and Support Act (ADATSA), and the federally funded Refugee program.

The twelve individual forecasts are presented in three categories: CN Adults and Children, Aged, Blind, and Disabled, and Other programs. Some of these forecasts are roll-ups of more detailed component forecasts.



Breakdown of Medical Assistance Total Caseload

Category	FY05 Average		Average Annual	Average Annual
	Caseload	% of Total	Change 2005-07 Biennium	Percent Change 2005-07 Biennium
CN Children < 200% FPL	296,933	35.2%	6,973	2.3%
CN Family Medical	294,490	34.9%	13,388	4.4%
CN Blind/Disabled	126,079	14.9%	3,885	3.0%
CN Aged	55,929	6.6%	1,140	2.0%
CN Pregnant Women	27,537	3.3%	1,039	3.7%
MN Blind/Disabled	11,221	1.3%	839	7.2%
GA-U	10,615	1.3%	971	8.8%
QMB - only	9,166	1.1%	1428	14.5%
MN Aged	6,672	0.8%	181	2.7%
ADATSA	4,332	0.5%	298	6.7%
Refugee	873	0.1%	0	0.0%
Medicaid Buy-In	451	0.1%	193	36.4%
Total Medical Assistance	844,298	1	30,335	3.6%

Medical Assistance Total Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change	
FY02-03	36,766	4.5%	Actuals
FY03-04	1,694	0.2%	
<i>FY04-05</i>	<i>(10,422)</i>	<i>(1.2%)</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
<i>FY05-06</i>	<i>29,324</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	
<i>FY06-07</i>	<i>32,065</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	

The Total Medical Assistance caseload is projected to grow, on average, 3.6 percent per year for the 2005-2007 Biennium, compared to average state population growth of 1.5 percent.

The fact that the Medical Assistance caseload is growing faster than population growth is consistent with national trends in the health insurance market. The table below illustrates the recent shift in coverage from private to public insurance, particularly among children.

Distribution of Health Insurance Coverage Nationwide¹

	Calendar Year	Employer- Sponsored	Medicaid / SCHIP	Private nongroup / Other	Uninsured
Nonelderly Adults	1999	72.4%	4.7%	6.4%	16.5%
	2002	70.7%	5.7%	6.7%	17.0%
Dependent Children	1999	66.2%	16.5%	4.6%	12.8%
	2002	63.1%	22.4%	4.5%	10.1%

¹Blumberg, Linda J. and John Holahan. 2004. "Changes in Insured Coverage and Access to Care for Middle-Class Americans." Washington, DC: The Urban Institute. *Health Policy Online* No. 8.